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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mark Kleiman, Legislative Assistant to Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.), 4 August 1975

1. Mark Kleiman, Legislative Assistant to Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.), called and said that because of the activity of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, of which Mr. Aspin is a member, the Congressman would be unable to receive the briefing from Carl Duckett, DDS&T, this week and since Mr. Aspin will be leaving town next week, Kleiman said it would have to be put over until Aspin returns in September. I told him we would put a tickler on this and be back in touch.

2. Kleiman then asked me a number of questions pertaining to the Director's authority "to classify information higher than Top Secret." Kleiman was obviously referring to compartmented information and I went over this area with him at some length, pointing out that this was not a security classification, but was rather a matter of access to specialized information. I used the U-2 program as an example for the need for compartmentation, both on the fact that such an aircraft was being built plus further compartmentation on the details of the aircraft on the one hand, and another compartmented system on the photographic equipment involved on the other. Kleiman seemed to have a better understanding after our conversation but asked if I would provide him with something on the legal basis for the Director establishing a compartmented system. I told him I would be glad to be back in touch with him on this.

3. Kleiman also raised again the question that he has mentioned on several occasions in the past about the possibility of the Agency's printing foreign currency. (This came up in connection with the recent allegations that the Agency had printed counterfeit U.S. money for use in illicit drug activities in Southeast Asia.) I told Kleiman I would also look into this and be back in touch with him. The Director and [redacted] have been briefed on the fact of these conversations in view of the possibility that these questions could also be raised by Mr. Aspin in the House Select Committee forum.

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